

A breath of FRESH AIR

Inspired by the natural landscape, this Melbourne home is a place of comfort and immense beauty.



An established courtyard garden that changes with the seasons is at the heart of this Malvern home's transformation. Set in the beautiful surrounds of Melbourne's south-east, the couple turned to interior architecture practice, Studio Tate for help with designing a new butler's pantry. Instead, the project became a total reimagining of the house, complete with a renovation and interior styling.

"Sitting on a corner block in Malvern, a high, rendered block fence supports the idea of a private sanctuary within. Our clients treasure their garden and the connection it has to the home," explains Liz Ride, Associate Designer, Interior Architecture for Studio Tate.

Having been stripped of all its original detailing, the house presented a blank slate full of potential. Studio Tate set to work creating a classic yet contemporary cottage feel that reflected the natural beauty of the north-facing courtyard garden. The house, which wraps around the courtyard, opens onto the cherished green space from the two living rooms, while the bedrooms and study boast private views.

With the courtyard framed by panelled French doors, the flow between inside and out is effortless and it's made all the more connected with head-turning furniture and lust-worthy finishes. Planning down to the finest detail, every element has been carefully considered to create spaces of immense beauty and comfort, starting in the kitchen.

The green Esmeralda quartzite benchtops inspired the sage-and-eucalypt tonal palette that plays out in the cooking zone, while the elements of polished and brushed brass reinforce the home's sophisticated feel. Underfoot, oak flooring in a chevron pattern links the kitchen with the other living spaces, while the brass rangehood and oversized island bench make a statement. Six Grazia & Co Diiva Swivel stools, at the ready to seat the couple's six grandchildren, add texture and earthy tones to the kitchen space.

To the side of the kitchen, a refined bar showcases the couple's glassware collection. "A newly built butler's pantry and luxurious bar with brass mesh inlays supports the clients' love of entertaining, inviting guests to unwind and settle in," says Liz.

Richly layered interiors in the living and dining areas blend modern pieces with existing furnishings reimagined with new, adventurous fabrics - colours, textures and materials that recall the natural landscape reflected in the mirrored panelling and custom joinery. The vibrant purple and floral Gubi Beetle dining chairs sit in harmony with the Fogia Bollo armchairs and Fritz Hansen Ro armchair in the living room where the couple's collection of artwork and objects collated over years of travel are on full display.

"It is a relaxed space filled with heritage-inspired furnishings overlaid with playful botanic prints, chunky knits and jewel-toned textiles, drawing links to the lush textures and hues of the landscape," says Liz.

The sitting room continues the blend of old and new with intricate wood panelling and clean accents. A chandelier hangs above the shapely Scandi-chic Snedkergaarden ND83 oak armchair upholstered in a rich floral textile, the Nau Fat Tulip sofa and the tradition Mexcla JH20 coffee table by Jamie Hayon.

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Equally as detailed are the private spaces. The bedrooms boast a cool neutral palette with rich, layered textures. “We upholstered the antique chair and footstool in the bedroom in a fabulous Pierre Frey floral fabric that features pineapples,” says Liz.

The sage wall tiles in the ensuite echo the earthy palette of the main living areas. The walk-in shower with a stone-clad seat and the traditional washstand elevated on legs, complete with scalloped stone up-stand and brass detailing, nod to the home’s overall sense of luxury.

“Aesthetically, we love how the home is subtly layered with colour, print, texture and detail while maintaining a sense of repose, and the views to the garden are also quite special,” says Liz. “The home is a true expression of the character of our clients – their home now enriches their love for entertaining and reflects their joie de vivre!”

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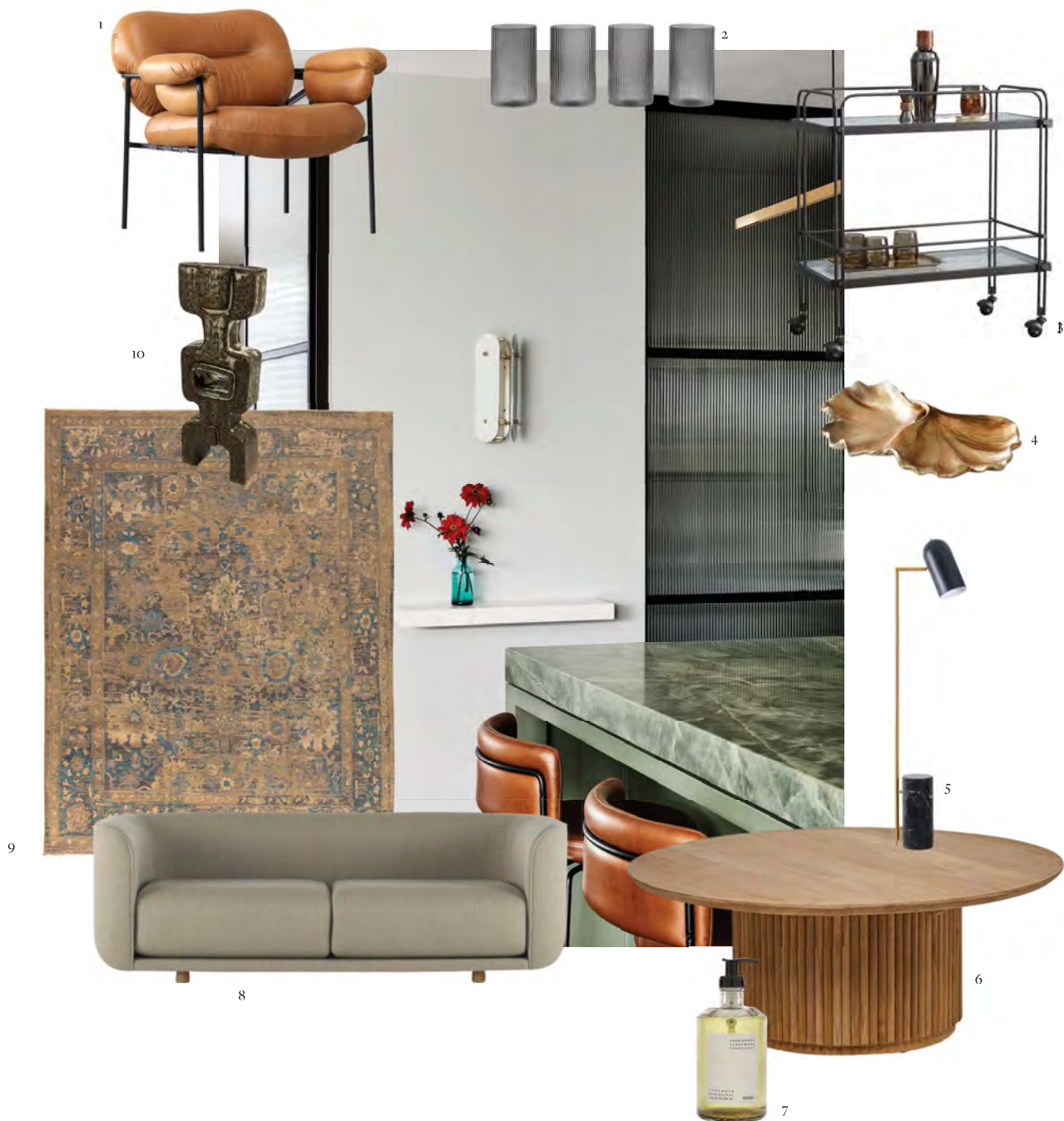
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1. Bollo **Armchair**, Fogia, Black Frame, Fred International, \$3,790.00. 2. Ripple Verrines **Glasses**, Smoked Grey, Set of 4, Ferm Living, Design Stuff, \$79.00. 3. Fulton **Bar Cart**, West Elm, \$649.00. 4. Antique Gold Ginkgo Leaf **Plate**, Koala Living, \$118.00. 5. Abream **Floor Lamp**, Freedom, \$299.00. 6. Tully **Coffee Table**, Natural Teak, Globe West, \$1,330.00. 7. Frama Apothecary **Hand Wash**, Covett + Co, \$65.00. 8. Fat Tulip, 3 Seater **Sofa** Nau, Cult Design, \$7,476.00. 9. Afghan Revival **Tabriz**, Cadry's, \$11,000.00 10. #439 Small **Totem**, Stoneware, Erez Ben, Modern Times, \$390.00.